

## SIR JOHN FRENCH TO BECOME HEAD OF ALL BRITISH FORCES IN FIELD

He Will Be Succeeded At Battle-line By Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, Veteran Fighter and Commander of First Corps At Front

### RETIRING CHIEFTAIN GETS VISCOUNT TITLE

Following His Elevation He Will Be Announced As Supreme Over All Forces of United Kingdom and Assume New Duties

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, December 16.—Sir John French, who has been commander-in-chief of the British forces in France and Belgium since the beginning of the war, has been recalled at his own request. He will be succeeded by Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, commander of the First Corps, who has likewise been with the troops in France and Belgium since the opening of hostilities.

To Be Created Viscount  
Sir John French will return to England, where he will be created a viscount for the United Kingdom and will be named as commander-in-chief of all the forces of the United Kingdom.

Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, at the outbreak of the war, was general officer commanding at Aleshot, prior to which he was chief of staff for three years and director of staff duties at army headquarters for two years. He has an enviable military record since he entered the army as subaltern in the Seventh Hussars in 1885.

Served In Sudan Campaign  
Haig has served in the Sudan, being mentioned in despatches from Khartoum; and in South Africa, being General French's chief of staff during the Clesberg operations, and distinguishing himself as a cavalry leader. He was made a major general in 1904. At the outbreak of the war he was sent to France as commander of the first corps of the expeditionary force and the successful outcome of the battle of Mons is credited to the manner in which he handled his men.

## VISCOUNT ALVERSTONE PASSES OUT IN LONDON

Was Lord Chief Justice of England Many Years

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, December 15.—Viscount Alverstone, former chief justice, died today.

Viscount Alverstone, for nearly thirty years Lord Chief Justice of England, was one of the most popular, humane and many-sided men in British public life. While on circuit at Newcastle in February, 1912, Lord Alverstone was seized with a serious heart attack, and his continued ill health led to his resignation.

Tall, athletically modelled and vigorous, he was a splendid specimen of the old school of English gentlemen. At Cambridge, where the finishing touches were put to his education, he was noted as a distance runner, being in fact "the best of his year." His interest in sports he carried into the world and won many trophies on the cinder track. Until a few years ago he was an enthusiastic rider and a good hand at golf, and in the earlier days of the big ring contests was a frequent visitor to the National Sporting Club.

### 'PEACE SHIP' REACHES FIRST BRITISH PORT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, December 15.—The "peace ship" Oscar II, carrying thirty of Henry Ford's delegates and a large number of newspaper men, photographers and secretaries, has arrived at Kinkaid, Orkney Islands, according to messages received today. As this is the port used by the British for the search of vessels apprehended by the British fleet patrols and held for investigation, the brief news that the Oscar II is there probably means that the British have detained the Ford ship.

### MORE CURTISS AIRSHIPS ARE ORDERED BY BRITISH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, December 16.—It was announced in the financial district yesterday that the Curtiss Aeroplane Company has closed another contract with the British government, calling for the delivery of aeroplanes and parts to the value of \$15,000,000.

## YUAN TO BECOME EMPEROR AT ONCE

Ministers of Entente Powers Fail In Effort To Have Coronation Delayed

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PEKING, December 16.—The restoration of the monarchy in China and the coronation of President Yuan Shikai as Emperor are to be carried through at once, despite the reiterated advice of practically every nation represented in the diplomatic circle of Peking, with the exception of the United States and Germany.

Yesterday the ministers of Great Britain, France, Japan and Russia and the Italian chargé d'affaires called upon Foreign Secretary Lansing and again urged upon the Chinese government not to precipitate a crisis in the Orient by a revolutionary change in the system of government at this time, suggesting that any desired change from a Republic to a monarchy be postponed until after the conclusion of the European War.

Secretary Lansing told the diplomats that he was confident that the change to be brought about could be accomplished without disturbance.

## LORD DERBY RECRUITS MILLIONS OF BRITONS

Demonstrates To Government Conscription Is Unnecessary

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, December 16.—Lord Derby, to whom was assigned the duty of recruiting men for the British army, in an effort to demonstrate that legislation for conscription was unnecessary, has completed the task assigned to him within the time limit, before the National Registry would be taken up by the government as a basis for compulsory service. Lord Derby had been given until Saturday last.

While it is unofficially reported that two million recruits have been sworn in since the first of November under Lord Derby's plan, the chief recruiter himself has not announced any figures. "I have been snowed under by the number of recruits," he says, "and I will not be able to make public the definite figures until I have been able to compute them."

Last week, according to press reports, the number of new recruits exceeded half a million.

## POLYGAMY COMMON IN MORO PROVINCE

Also Is Practised In Other Sections of Philippines

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, December 15.—Brig. Gen. Frank McIntyre, chief of the bureau of insular affairs in the war department, who has recently returned from a visit of inspection to the Philippines, appeared yesterday before the senate committee on the Philippines in relation to the Jones Bill, the administration measure to provide an enlargement of the self government of the islands.

General McIntyre told the committee that the practice of polygamy in some sections of the archipelago was so universal and so firmly established that it could not be prevented except through armed force and bloodshed. He recommended that that section of the Jones Bill prohibiting plural marriages be eliminated.

Polygamy is generally practiced amongst the Mohammedans of the Moro Province, being permitted by their religion.

### WARSHIPS OF CENTRAL POWERS ARE DESTROYED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PARIS, December 15.—It is reported that a German submarine has been sunk off Varna, the Bulgarian port on the Black Sea, and that a Turkish torpedo boat has been sunk by the British in the Sea of Marmara.

The Turkish cruiser Sultan Selim, formerly the German cruiser Goeben, whose exploits attracted much attention at the outbreak of the war, has been again torpedoed while cruising in the Black Sea. The damage is not serious. She was torpedoed in the Bosporus several months ago and driven ashore to prevent her sinking. She has been recently repaired.

### GERMANS ARE MASSING BEHIND WESTERN LINES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, December 16.—Reports by way of Holland state that the Germans are concentrating heavy forces back of their positions in Belgium and in Luxembourg. It is probable that another attempt at an advance will be made when the mud which now blocks operations has either dried up or frozen. The Kaiser is reported to be back in Berlin.

### COLDS CAUSE HEADACHES

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## REDFIELD SAYS BUILD VESSELS IN NAVY YARDS

Advocates Chance To Compete With Foreigners

### SHIPS LACKING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BROOKLYN, December 16.—Secretary Redfield, addressing the Civic Club last night, proposed that the government, as one way of assisting in the re-establishment of the American merchant marine, should construct merchant steamers in the government navy yards and either sell the ships to American shipping men at cost or lease them on favorable terms to Americans, with the proviso that the government could take them over for use as naval auxiliaries in war.

This would meet the demand of American shipping interests for cheap ships able to operate in competition with ships built in foreign shipyards, while it would also provide the government with an available supply of auxiliaries in time of war.

The secretary expressed his belief that few of the ships now coming into American registry from foreign flags would return to their former flags at the conclusion of the war in Europe. The nations now at war will be certain to place heavy taxes upon their merchantmen, which would encourage the owners to retain their acquired American registry, while legislation might be enacted by congress making the return of the registration of these ships conditional only through sanction of the American government.

Referring to the need of merchantmen for possible naval auxiliaries, Secretary Redfield pointed out that the United States now had only 500 ships which could, under any circumstance, be commandeered for government purposes, while Great Britain has 3000.

### ACCIDENT EXPLOSION DESTROYS HUGE ZEPPELIN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) COPENHAGEN, December 16.—Reports that have reached here from Schleswig state that the super-Zeppelin L-22 was destroyed early this week by an accidental explosion. The members of the crew, forty men in all, were killed or wounded when the giant aircraft blew up.

### OFFICER OF ROYAL FLYING CORPS BURNED TO DEATH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, December 16.—Captain Smith of the Royal Flying Corps, was killed yesterday while making a test flight at Cranborough, his aeroplane catching fire while he was in the air, the frame and dead aviator hurtling to the ground from a considerable height.

### CARRANZA RECOGNIZED BY POWERS OF ENTENTE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PARIS, December 15.—Official recognition has been given Gen. Carranza as provisional president of Mexico, by France in conjunction with Russia, Great Britain and Italy.

### GOMPER'S SAYS LABOR IS FOR PREPAREDNESS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, December 15.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor was a caller on President Wilson today. He told him that labor in the United States supports the president's defense plan and suggested that labor should have a voice in the preparations for such defense. He asked the president to appoint a representative of organized labor to a commission of army and navy officers named to draft a plan for mobilizing the nation's resources.

### TURKS AND GERMANS MAY ATTACK EGYPT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, December 15.—Persistent rumors are circulating and attaining importance that there is a definite plan for a joint attack by the Turkish-German forces on Egypt next spring, which would be followed by the capture of the Suez Canal. The strong defenses are being constructed on both sides of the Suez Canal. The British have a quarter of a million troops in Egypt and are landing additional regiments daily.

### DIGGS MARRIES GIRL WHO BROUGHT TROUBLE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SAN FRANCISCO, December 16.—Maury I. Diggs, who was convicted with F. Drew (Amietti) of violation of the White Slave Act two years ago and sentenced to the federal penitentiary and whose case is now in the Supreme Court on appeal, yesterday married Marsha Warrington, the Sacramento girl over whom his arrest and conviction arose.

### STEAMER MINNESOTA IS UNDER INSPECTION

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SAN FRANCISCO, December 14.—A preliminary inspection of the Great Northern liner Minnesota, which arrived off port yesterday disabled and presumably suffering from an explosion and fire, has so far not revealed any unusual causes for the accident. Technical reports are awaited from the experts who are making a minute investigation of the great liner and the burned portions.

## GREEKS ABANDON ZONE TO ALLIES

Entente Forces Occupy Nearly All of Eastern Macedonia Controlled By Constantine

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, December 16.—A Reuter dispatch from Salonika says that virtually all of Greek Eastern Macedonia has been abandoned to the Allies by the Greeks, whose forces have all been withdrawn in accordance with the terms of the agreement arrived at between King Constantine and the representatives at Athens of the Entente.

Most of the Greek troops have retired in the direction of Sorovich and Kozani.

Despite earlier reports that the Bulgars had crossed the Grecian border in pursuit of the Allies, Athens declares that neither Bulgars nor Teutons have invaded Greek territory, which denials are confirmed here. The Athens correspondent of Reuter yesterday announced that Greek officials believe there are both military and political reasons to make it probable that the Bulgarians will cross the frontier. There is much speculation as to what they will do.

The Allies are occupying positions a few miles south of the Greece-Serbian line, covering the railroads leading to Salonika.

King Constantine of Greece is suffering with influenza and his physicians have ordered a rest for him.

## TORONTO WEEPS AS HER WARRIORS RETURN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) TORONTO, Ontario, November 21.—One hundred and fifty disabled soldiers were welcomed home today from the trenches in France. Although the hour of arrival was secret, great throngs crowded the streets through which automobiles bore the heroes, invalided, maimed, or blind, to a convalescent home. All were veterans of the first Canadian contingent which left here in August, 1914. Many had been in English hospitals, since the battle around Ypres last spring. A few will probably return to the front after a long rest, but most will be cared for until recovered, taught new occupations, discharged and pensioned.

A great dinner was attended by practically all of the returned soldiers, and by leading provincial and civic officers. Great satisfaction that they had been able to do their share early in the war and that their country was now ready to do its utmost for their future as expressed by the soldiers who appeared much more cheerful than when departing.

The crowds today were also much more demonstrative than a year ago. There was wild cheering and public weeping. It was the first big homecoming from the war and surpassed even the rejoicings when the Canadian regiments returned from South Africa.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA TO VOTE ON LIQUOR

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) VANCOUVER, British Columbia, December 1.—Premier McBryde today notified the people's prohibition movement that a plebiscite regarding prohibition would be submitted to the electorate at the next provincial election, and that, as well as embracing the direct question for and against total prohibition, it would contain other questions relative to the issue.

The Premier also said that he was in favor of restricting the hours during which liquor might be sold for the period of the war, but it was a matter for the Legislature to deal with at its next session, as authority of a statute was necessary before any action could be taken.

Prohibitionists have insisted that the plebiscite be taken at some time other than a general election.

### TROUBLES OF DREXELS BEING AIRED IN COURT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, December 16.—Discord in the domestic affairs of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel, of the wealthy and socially influential Philadelphia family, is being aired in the courts here, where the Drexels have been residing for some time. Mrs. Drexel, who was until her marriage five years ago Miss Marjorie Gould, has served notice of writ upon her husband to recover her money under a separation deed. Drexel has come into court with a motion to set aside the service.

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## MURDER OF KOREAN FASTENED TO KEUK

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict That Circumstances Indicate Bandit Committed Crime

It took a coroner's jury just nine minutes yesterday afternoon to arrive at a verdict in the case of Chee Wong Yee, who was shot and killed a week ago today in a tenement house near the junction of King and Beretania streets. The verdict read as follows: "That deceased came to his death from injuries inflicted by a 38-caliber bullet. The jury believes that circumstances indicate that said bullet was fired from a revolver held in the hand of one Yee Yo Keuk."

T. Watanabe testified that he lived near the house in which the Korean was slain and that on the morning of the shooting he heard three shots fired, and looking out of a window of his room saw a man dressed in black and wearing a black hat run under his window from the direction of the room in which Chee Wong Yee had been killed.

Coroner Asch asked the witness to go down below and take a look at Yee Yo Keuk in order to see if he was the man who he had seen running under his window.

"No like," protested Watanabe. "I ride bicycle every day to Pualoa and bimby Keuk's friend wait for me and kill me. More letter I no look at him."

The coroner assured Watanabe that no harm could possibly befall him, as Yee Yo Keuk would never escape again. He also added that all of the Korean's intimate friends were in jail and that he need have no apprehension on that score.

"I go suppose I put mask on my face," said Watanabe.

One of the jurors suggested that the witness be disguised as Santa Claus and then be taken below.

Finally the coroner persuaded the witness to accompany him to the cell where Keuk was confined, and on returning he said that the Korean looked very much like the man whom he had seen running, but that he could not say positively to it.

Hyung Ung Cha, a Korean woman who was supposed to have been intimately acquainted with both Chee and Yee, stated that she saw the former on the night of the murder but refused to commit herself further.

Mrs. Watanabe corroborated the testimony of her husband, and a woman named Mitsa gave almost identical evidence.

Sergeant Kellet, a local detective, testified that when Yee was arrested he wore black pants and a black hat and that he had admitted that on the night of the murder he was wearing a black coat.

The jury was composed of Jesse Uihli, James F. Copeland, Charles A. Stewart, N. W. Brandage, A. V. Gear and John Smith.

### GENERALS WOUNDED IN BLOODY BATTLE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LAREDO, December 16.—One of the bloodiest battles of recent months in Mexico took place yesterday in the streets of San Juan Rio, the battle ending in the defeat of the Villistas, after several hundreds had been killed and a number had been captured by the Carranzistas. The victors also secured a quantity of munitions and supplies. Galvula, the Villista commander, was among the dead after the battle, while Martinez, the Carranza leader, is badly wounded.

### SAFE CONDUCT GIVEN FOR GERMAN ATTACHES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, December 16.—The governments of Great Britain and France having agreed to the request of the American government that safe conduct be given Captain Bered and Captain von Papen, the naval and military attaches of the German embassy at Washington, recalled on request of the United States, the two attaches will leave America on Tuesday. They have taken passage on the Holland-American liner Noordam, which will land them at Rotterdam, en route to Berlin.

### HEAD OF DEAD GENERAL CARRANZISTA 'XMAS' GIFT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) CITY OF MEXICO, December 16.—General Gomez, the Carranza military governor of this capital, received telegraphic notice yesterday that a grisly Christmas gift was being sent him from Esperanza, with the compliments of the season. The gift, announces the telegram, is the head of Gen. J. B. Hernandez, who was a relative of Huerta and a personal friend of former President Diaz.

### MIDDLE WEST FAVORS PREPAREDNESS PLANS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, December 16.—Mayor Thompson of Chicago, addressing the bankers' association here last night, stated that opposition from the Middle West to the administration's preparedness program will not develop. The Middle West, he said, is as wide awake to the need of adequate preparedness for defense as either of the seaboard, and as ready to help bear the necessary expense.

### FRENCH WAR EXPENSE HUGE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PARIS, December 15.—The total expenses of France in the war up to December 31 were given in a public estimate today as 31,000,000,000 francs.

## REPLY TO ANCONA NOTE EVADES ALL ISSUES SET FORTH

While Vienna Is Ready To Listen To Argument, and Regrets Killing of Americans, Admiralty Upholds Commander of Raider That Sunk Liner As Having Done Duty

Austria's reply to the American Ancona note fails to meet any of the demands.

It expresses Austria's willingness to listen to American argument.

It expresses regret that Americans were killed in the destruction of the Italian liner.

The Austrian admiralty upholds the submarine commander in all that he did and urges the government not to accede to the American demands.

Viennese public opinion endorses the refusal to bow to the demands of Washington.

Washington is "not surprised," remembering the Lusitania.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) VIENNA, December 16.—The reply of the Austro-Hungarian government to the American note demanding a prompt disavowal of the action of the Austrian submarine commander who sunk the Italian liner Ancona, a pledge that he would receive punishment for his wanton slaughter of defenseless passengers, and an agreement to indemnify the relatives of the American citizens among the Ancona dead, was yesterday handed to Ambassador Penfield by Baron von Burian, the minister of foreign affairs.

### NO AMERICAN DEMANDS ARE MET

The Austrian reply does not meet any of the American demands, being simply an expression of the readiness of the Austro-Hungarian government to exchange opinions with Washington regarding the alleged illegality of the torpedoing of the Ancona and a willingness on the part of Austro-Hungary to consider whatever legal maxims Washington may desire to present to show that the commander of the Austrian submarine did violate any of the rules of warfare or obligations of international law.

The Austrian reply is brief, the text being only some five hundred words.

### COMMANDER OF RAIDER UPHELD

Prior to the handing of the reply to the American ambassador, the government made public a statement from the Austrian admiralty, which strongly upheld the action of the submarine commander and as strongly deprecated the idea that the government should bow to the demand of the United States that his action should be disavowed and that he should be punished.

The admiralty announcement commends the submarine commander for the carrying out of his duty in destroying the Ancona and saving his own ship from capture or destruction by the steamer observed hurrying to the scene of the attack. The admiralty statement says, in part:

### LOSS OF AMERICAN LIVES REGRETTED

"The submarine, after it had brought the Ancona to a halt by its warning shots and was waiting for the passengers to depart from the ship, was itself in danger from a possible cutting off of its retreat. The destruction of the Italian ship had to be accomplished and had the commander not destroyed it as he did he would not have performed his duty. The loss of American lives is to be regretted."

The general feeling amongst the residents here is that Austria should refuse to accede to the American demands. A prominent citizen, whose words and sentiments reflect the general attitude in Vienna, told the correspondent of The Associated Press yesterday that the prolongation of the war is due to the part taken in it on behalf of the Allies by the United States, which has been supplying the Allies with submarines, men, munitions of war and supplies.

### WASHINGTON NOTE INSULTING

The American note concerning the Ancona, he said, had been couched in insulting terms and contained demands that would be humiliating for Austria to accept, while the Austro-Hungarian ambassador had been harried and the diplomats in both the Austria and German embassies had been baited by the American government and press.

## WASHINGTON NOT SURPRISED

WASHINGTON, December 16.—While the official text of the Austrian reply to the American Ancona note, handed to Ambassador Penfield yesterday in Vienna, has not been received here and no official will openly comment on it, the press summary as cabled from Europe is being read with intense interest.

Officials appear not to be surprised at the playing for time in the reply of Baron von Burian, nor at the openly expressed approval of the Austrian admiralty for the commander of the submarine which destroyed the Ancona, killing between one hundred and fifty and two hundred persons, including a number of Americans.

The unofficial comments of officials is that the Austrian position is like that assumed by the Germans following the sinking of the Lusitania, when the legality and the justification of the deed was defended.

### VALUE OF FARM CROPS REACHES IMMENSE SUM

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, December 16.—The value of the principal farm crops of the United States, based on the reports made to the statistical bureau of the department of agriculture as of December 1, is shown to be the enormous total of \$5,568,773,000. This establishes a new record for the United States.

### EMERYVILLE STABLES BURN

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SAN FRANCISCO, December 16.—The extensive stables at the Emeryville race track, which have been vacant since the enactment of the anti-race track law, were destroyed last night by fire.

### 'UNCLE JOE' CANNON MISSES DEATH BY INCH

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) CHICAGO, December 1.—Congressman Joseph G. Cannon narrowly escaped death or serious injury here today while on his way to Washington. According to employees of the Union League club "Uncle Joe" had just left the club and, disregarding Chicago traffic regulations, had started diagonally across Jackson Boulevard. "Uncle Joe" heard cries of warning from the club employees and stood irresolute while a big limousine bar drove on him. The chauffeur missed the aged statesman by a few inches as he swerved his machine to one side. Mr. Cannon, with a characteristic shrug of his shoulders, passed on.